

Subject: Chinese coins--attribution of

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[Cherokee, IA]



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Cherokee, Iowa

Jan. 16th. 1930

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
 Broadway at 156th St.
 New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Bolender of Orangeville, Ill. has kindly suggested that you might be induced for a consideration to classify and describe some Chinese pieces which I have, and perhaps also a few, perhaps 8 or ten, European coins which, with my limited facilities, I have been unable to attribute.

The Chinese were sent me from China by a friend, a long time ago, and he had attempted to allocate them to various emperors but I do not feel satisfied and would like confirmation. The only educated Chinaman I ever showed them to burned joss for five minutes before he would say anything and then he said the pieces were all over two thousand years old and advised that they never be sold. All of which might mean nothing. The largest one I will not send in as I have mounted it in the lid of my coin chest and have satisfied myself it came from the Imperial palace at Peking during the Boxer affair. I do not think the total number I want to send in would be over 25.

Yours truly,

N. L. Stiles.
 A.N.A #2860

January 20, 1930

Mr. N. L. Stiles
Cherokee, Iowa

Dear Sir:

If you would care to send the coins here to us, we should be glad to attribute them for you for a charge of five or ten cents a coins. If any piece should be especially puzzling and would require extra time, the charge would be a trifle higher on that particular piece.

Yours very truly,

Curator.



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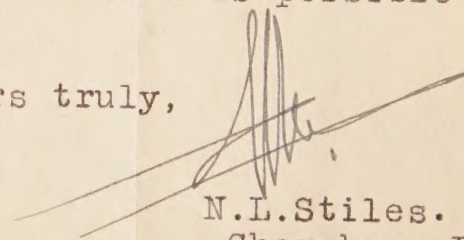
Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
Broadway at 156th. St.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I am sending you by this mail a
small box of the coins I would like to have attributed.

I have enclosed them largely in separate envelopes
for your convenience and included some extra envelopes.
I would appreciate as much information as comes readily
to you as our library facilities are very limited out
here. I am including some material, besides the Oriental,
which I have had for years and which to me have a
sentimental value. So please do not hesitate to make
your charge and attribution on act. of quality. The study
of the historical association of the coins is where I get
my reward and the stories I can tell the children are what
keeps up the interest. If you could readily add an approx-
imation of the value, it would be appreciated. I hope you
may be able to find something interesting among them.
Please let me have your statement as soon as possible
for prompt remittance.

Yours truly,


N.L. Stiles.
Cherokee, Iowa.

January 31, 1930

Mr. N. L. Stiles

Cherokee, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Yesterday we returned to you, by parcel post insured, the coins which you sent us to be attributed. Most of the pieces, as you will note, are modern imitations and in consequence have virtually no value.

Our charge for attributing these coins is three dollars (\$3.00), and we should be pleased to have a cheque from you.

Yours very truly,

Curator.



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Feb. 4th. 1930

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
Broadway at 156th. st.
New York City, N.Y.

Thanks very much and
enclosed is our cashier's check on the
Chase Natl. in payment.

I find it very gratifying to be able
to get this junk out of the way. It is the
old saying again enacted, God help us from
our well meaning friends.

Yours truly,

N.L. Stiles.